Delay in signing of memorandum of understanding by ONGC

*393. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Commission has failed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Government ior the year 1991-92;

(to) if so, ,what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that delay in signing the MOU has defeated its purpose as considerable part of the current financial year has lapsed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAiRANANID): (a) to (c) The Memorandum of Understanding between the Government and ONGC is yet to be signed as it is still Hinder finalisation. The functioning of the ONGC has not been affected on this account.

Surrey of HTV infection in Manipur

*394. SHRI N. E. BAIARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report of survey of HTV infection in Manipur published in the Health for Millions, Vol. XVII, No. 4, August, 1991; and

(fo) if so, what are the details thereof alongwith the number of people surveyed iand the number of people found sero-positive?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M- L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes Sir. Government is aware about the report published in "Health for Millions"—August, 1991-

(fo) The first case of HTV (Human Immuno Deficiency Virus which transmits AIDS) infection was detected in February, 1990. As of November, 1991, 7,607 persons practising "ait risk" behaviours were screened and 1,348 were found to have HTV infection. Results of surveillance work carried out in Manipur indicate that the major mode of transmission is through intra venous drug use.

Pilferage 0f coal f*rom* the Railway wagons

*395. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of pilferage of coal from the Railway Wagons have been growing in Asan-sol Division of Eastern Railway;

(b) whether incidents of looting of coal from Railway Wagons by miscreants after haltinig the trains at convenieriit loca-tions in connivence with GRP and Railway employees as well as transportation of pilfered coal by various Mail and Passenger trains passing through this Division have also been received; if so, teh details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to stop such illegal activities?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI G. K. IAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Cases of women, children and man suspected to be engaged in pilfering coal from various collieries situated in Asansol Division and carrying the pilferage ETAOI NSHRDLU MMM the pilferred coal by passenger trains have come to notice.

(c) Frequent raids are conducted by RPF. Persons who are involved in carrying coal are arrested by RPF and efforts are made to stop this menace with the assistance of GRP and local police.

Ayurvedic Tonic

*396. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to State:

(a) whether ft is a fact that several manufacturers are marketing unscientjfio preparations in the name of Ayurvedic Tonics to escape scrutiny; and